

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff

vs.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO;

The Honorable PEDRO J. ROSSELLO,
Governor of the Commonwealth of
Puerto Rico, in his official
capacity;

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THE JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS
ADMINISTRATION;

ZORAIDA BUXO, Secretary of the
Department of Corrections and
Rehabilitation, in her official
capacity;

MIGUEL RIVERA, Director, Juvenile
Institutions Administration, in
his official capacity;

DR. CARMEN FELICIANO VDA. DE
MELECIO, Secretary of Health,
Department of Health, in her
official capacity;

DR. NESTOR GALARZA, Director,
Anti-Addiction Services
Department, in his official
capacity;

VICTOR FAJARDO, Secretary,
Department of Education, in his
official capacity;

PEDRO PIERLUISI, Secretary,
Justice Department of the
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, in
his official capacity;

CARMEN RODRIGUEZ, Secretary,
Department of Social Services,
in her official capacity;

DANIEL VAZQUEZ TORRES, Director
Humacao Detention Center, in
his official capacity;

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EDGARD ORTIZ ALBINO, Director,
Mayaguez Industrial School, in
his official capacity;

NORMA CRUZ, Director, Ponce
Central Training School, in her
official capacity

FRANCISCA APONTE, Director, Ponce
Victoria Street Training Center,
in her official capacity;

PAULITO DIAZ DE GARCIA, Director,
Ponce Detention Center for Girls
and Ponce Industrial School for
Girls and Boys, in her official
capacity;

JULIO CUALIO BONET, Director,
Guaynabo Training School, in
his official capacity; and

LYDIA LASALLE, Acting Director,
Central Metropolitan Training
School of Bayamon, in her
official capacity;

Defendants

O R D E R

Having considered defendants' Urgent Motion for Continuance of Evidentiary Hearing filed on May 3, 2007 (docket entry 705) and the opposition of the United States filed on May 4, 2007 (docket entry 706), said motion is DENIED. The evidentiary hearing will be held as scheduled on MAY 7, 2007. Defendants well know that the parties and the Court must work within the tight timeframe of the PLRA and that a determination on their termination motion must be issued before the June 6, 2007 deadline. A continuance of the May 7, 2007 hearing for at least a week, as requested, compromises the Court's ability to render an informed decision in this complex matter. This hearing is not a one-day affair but was estimated to last at least three days at our last in-chambers conference and includes the testimony of several experts as well as close examination of the Monitor's report on the PLRA issues.

The following motions on discovery disputes, which would compel a continuance of the

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May 7, 2007 hearing if granted, are DENIED: Urgent Motion Requesting Order to Produce Experts' Witnesses for Depositions (docket entry 698), Urgent Motion to Compel and for Protective Order (docket entry 702) and Motion to Compel Plaintiffs to Adequately Respond to Interrogatories (docket entry 707).

SO ORDERED.

At San Juan, Puerto Rico, on May 4, 2007.

S/CARMEN CONSUELO CEREZO
United States District Judge